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1. At a meeting of the DDR Council of Ministers on 2 August 1951, the Council considered a report from Bruno Leuschner, first deputy chairman of the State Planning Commission, on the fulfillment to date of the investment plan for 1951.
2. The Council determined that the investment plan for 1951 is still not being satisfactorily carried out. According to the report, progress in the investment program in the month of July still lagged behind plan. The delays of the first half-year had not been made good during July. Leading government officials, including ministers and state secretaries, underestimated the importance of their particular investment programs and neglected to see that they were carried through.
3. The Council, therefore, issued the following instructions to all ministers and state secretaries with independent spheres of activity (Geschäftsbereich) as well as to the minister presidents of the various Länder:
 - a. They were personally to review the investment plans for the spheres of activity for which they were responsible. This was with a view to ascertaining the reasons for the time lag in the carrying-out of these plans. Then target dates should be fixed in the case of all important undertakings for the completion of the construction, for the delivery of the necessary equipment, and for any other expenditure, so as to make good the previous delays. These dates should be set to ensure the 100% execution of the investment plan by the end of 1951. Any special measures necessary in any particular field should be put into practice forthwith.
 - 3 b. The final target dates together with an account of any special measures necessary were to be submitted in duplicate to the Minister President by 31 August 1951. They would then be passed on to the State Planning Commission and to the Deutsche Investitionsbank for their final approval.
 - c. Co-ordinated programs were to be drawn up by all ministries for all decisive investments with a view to making good previous delays and

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ensuring the completion of these investments on the date fixed. These programs must be based upon the respective contracted obligations for completion within the dateline as far as the building industry is concerned and within the dateline of delivery for equipment.

4. The Council further concluded that capital investment in technical schools for the training of personnel in the upper and middle brackets of the national economy had been neglected by all ministries and state secretariats. Ministers and state secretaries were, therefore, to be informed that they would be held personally responsible for the fulfillment of the investment plan in 1951 as far as those training schools were concerned which came under their respective ministries and secretariats.
5. Leuschner's report found that the investment plan was particularly unsatisfactory as far as cultural, social, and health organizations and institutions for the rising generation were concerned. The importance of these projects for the cultural and social welfare of the worker, especially in priority undertakings, had been undervalued. The Council, therefore, instructed ministers and state secretaries that they were responsible for personally examining this unsatisfactory state of affairs and for introducing the necessary measures to overcome the present lag.
6. The Council ordered the Ministry for Reconstruction and the State Planning Commission to supplement
 - a. their instruction concerning the submission and examination of preliminary designs and increased estimates as well as design and plans for total costs;
 - b. their instruction to the prescribed plan of 10 April 1951 for the building industry, incorporated in the economic plan;in such a way that private design capacity and private building concerns would be associated more closely than hitherto with the design work and the building program.
7. The above resolutions were passed by the Council on 16 August 1951, when the recording secretary was Dr. Geier, who had drafted them.

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